

SECTION I - A REFERENCE LISTS

1. Manuals and Handbooks

The following is a list of manuals, handbooks, and similar instructional materials that are maintained as paper copies in NRCS Field Service Centers. These documents are commonly used in conservation planning and implementation activities. This list is not all-inclusive. Individual offices may maintain additional manuals, handbooks, reports, and other documents as needed to conduct their activities. Other national NRCS manuals and handbooks that are infrequently used in Maryland Field Service Centers are maintained as paper copies at the NRCS State Office in Annapolis. Most national NRCS manuals and handbooks are accessible on the Internet at: <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov>.

1. Manuals, handbooks, and bulletins issued by NRCS National Headquarters:

Title (Filing Code)	Name	Internet Availability and Other Information
110-460	General Manual	Archive binders with paper copies. Current GM available on-line at: http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
110-460	National Bulletins	Filed in 3-ring binder.
180	National Food Security Act Manual	
180	National Planning Procedures Handbook	http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
190	National Range and Pasture Handbook	http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/glti/NRPH.html
190	Soil Quality Thunderbook	http://www.statlab.iastate.edu/survey/SQI/catalog.html
190	Stream Visual Assessment Protocol	Issued as Tech Note No. 1 by the National Water and Climate Center. Available at: http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/water/quality/common/svapfnl.pdf
210	National Engineering Field Handbook, Part 650	
210	Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes and Practices	Interagency handbook, issued by NRCS as NEH, Part 653. Available at: http://www.usda.gov/stream_restoration
210	National Engineering Manual	
210	Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook, Part 631	http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/awmfh.html
210	<i>Technical Releases:</i>	
	• TR-20	http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/water/quality/hydro
	• TR-55	http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/water/quality/hydro
300	National RAMP Manual	Maintained only in Garrett & Allegany field offices.

Title (Filing Code)	Name	Internet Availability and Other Information
390	National Watershed Manual	http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/pl566/WSM.html
440	<i>Conservation Programs Manual:</i>	
440	• Part 514 WRP Program	Required for field offices with WRP projects. (Maintained by Caroline, Talbot, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester.) Available at: http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
440	• Part 515 EQIP Program	http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
440	• Part 517 WHIP Program	Filed in Section 5 of the Maryland WHIP Field Handbook. Available at: http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
440	• Part 520 FIP Program	http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
440	• Part 521 AMA Program	http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
450	National Handbook of Conservation Practices	Recent notices and all national practice standards available on-line at: http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/nhcp_2.html
450	National Handbook of Conservation Practices—Archived Practices	
	Core 4 Conservation Practices Reference Material	http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/tech_ref.html

2. Manuals, handbooks, and bulletins issued by Maryland NRCS:

Title (Filing Code)	Name	Comments
110-460	Maryland Bulletins	Filed in 3-ring binders.
	Maryland Field Office Technical Guide, Sections I-V (including a binder for Section IV-Archived Practices)	Set of 3-ring binders. Sections III and V will be maintained on-line only (e-FOTG), and not as paper copies.
	Maryland CRP Field Handbook	
	Maryland WHIP Field Handbook	Section 5, WHIP Manual, available at: http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov
	Maryland Waters and Wetlands Regulatory Field Handbook	COMAR, FR, and CFR sections available on-line.
	Maryland Wildlife Biology and Management Handbook	Wildlife Management Fact Sheets available from Maryland Cooperative Extension.
	Maryland Design Guides Field Handbook	http://www.md.nrcs.usda.gov/tech/eng/eng.htm
	Maryland Fishpond Management Handbook	Out of print.

3. Manuals and handbooks issued by other agencies:

Title (Filing Code)	Name	Internet Addresses and Other Information
2-CRP	Agricultural Resource Conservation Program (CRP Manual)	This is FSA's CRP manual that is also used by NRCS. NRCS offices may use FSA's copy if co-located in same service center.
DM 9500	Conservation Reporting and Evaluation System Manual (CRES)	Departmental manual used by NRCS & FSA.
	Circular 39, Wetlands of the United States	Issued by US Fish and Wildlife Service. Available at: http://www.npwr.usgs.gov/resource/1998/uswetlan/uswetlan.htm
	Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the U.S. Cowardin, et. al.	Issued by US Fish and Wildlife Service. Available at: http://wetlands.fws.gov/Pubs_Reports/publi.htm
	Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual	Issued by US Army Corps of Engineers. Available at: http://www.wes.army.mil/el/wetlands/pdfs/wlman87.pdf
	National List of Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands: Northeast (Region 1)	Issued by US Fish and Wildlife Service. Available at: http://www.nwi.fws.gov/bha/list88.html
	Maryland Nutrient Management Manual	Issued by Maryland Department of Agriculture.
	MACS Manual for Soil Conservation Districts	Issued by Maryland Department of Agriculture.
	Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	Issued by Maryland Department of the Environment.